(b) Does not arise.

Equitable Distribution of Water

2146. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the model Bill circulated to the States for adoption regarding equitable distribution of water for irrigation and domestic needs;

(b) whether there is any proposal for the formulation of a national water policy; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Salient features of the Model Irrigation Bill (1976) are broadly as under:—

(i) Application of water for public purposes;

(ii) Regulation of ground water in so far as it impinges on surface waters within the command of irrigation works;

(iii) Expeditious construction of irrigation and drainage works including water courses, field channels and field drains;

(iv) Construction of water courses by the State for effective utilisation of irrigation potential;

(v) Provision for on-farm development;

(vi) Supply of water and enforcement of cropping pattern;

(vii) Provisions for water-users' associations;

(viii) Levy of water rates and betterment contribution;

(ix) Enhancement of punishment for pollution of waters of irrigation work.

(b) and (c) The National Water Policy has been formulated and adopted in September, 1987.

Delay in offer of Appointments in Government Departments

2147. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1986-87 appointments in Government departments in respect of some 2000 cases recommended by U.P.S.C. were either delayed beyond limits or no appointments were made in some cases;

(b) if so, the reasons for not acting speedily on the recommendations of U.P.S.C.;

(c) whether the procedure of making appointments on the advice of U.P.S.C. is being speeded up; and

(d) if so, whether in the light of the experience the recruitment procedures to senior positions are being reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) In their report of 1986-87, the UPSC have pointed out that out of candidates recommened by the Commission for appointment, in respect of 1164 candidates offers of appointment were made only after six months and in respect of 855 candidates offers of appointment have not yet been made even though six months have lapsed. The main reasons for delay in making the offers of appointment are completion of formalities like verification of character and antecedents, medical examinations etc. Instructions have been issued by the Government from time to time for expediting these processes.